

Evaluation Form

2012

**Kindersley,
Saskatchewan**



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Community: Kindersley
Province: Saskatchewan
Category: 3,001 – 6,500

The evaluation is based on 8 criteria, divided into the 6 following sections, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

Tidiness	/
Environmental Action	/
Heritage Conservation	/
Urban Forestry	/
Landscape (including Turf & Groundcovers)	/
Floral Displays	/
* Community Involvement is included in each of these sections	
Total	/

Percentage : _____

Bloom rating: 4 blooms (for 2012)

Bloom rating:

Up to 55%: 1 bloom. 56% to 63%: 2 blooms. 64% to 72%: 3 blooms 73% to 81%: 4 blooms. >82%: 5 blooms.

Mention : _____ Walking Trail Strategic Plan _____

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Kim Vogel Function : Director Community Services

Name: Joe Newling Function : Chair Kindersley CIB

Name: Wayne Gibson Function : Communication Coordinator

Judges

Name: Sandy Cairns Name: Alex Pearl

Evaluation date: July 20, 2012

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.

Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.

The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the evaluation is based on the perception of the current Judges.

SECTORS OF EVALUATION

Municipal:

- Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes
- Properties owned and run by municipality such as Museums, historical sites

Business and Institutions:

Properties owned and managed by

- Business : commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants
- Institutions : schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (YMCA, Legion), private museums, Canada Post
- Tourism bureaus, Chamber of Commerce offices
- Farms : in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section

Residential:

- Citizens and Citizen groups acting within their own properties
- Residential property owners, rate payer groups

Community Involvement:

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it deserves to be evaluated in each of the sections of evaluation. Community Involvement will continue to be a highlight of the awards ceremony

- Individuals & Service and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations
- Social clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions.

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Kindersley's Welcome Sign "EXPERIENCE OUR ENERGY" was certainly evident as the judges toured the community with hosts Kim Vogel, Jim Newling and Wayne Gibson. We hope to see you at the awards symposium in Edmonton!

Kindersley's 'Great Idea Campaign' where citizens submitted their thoughts and ideas for projects around town has proven to be beneficial. A town square will be brought back to life where one once stood. The campaign has invigorated community spirit.

A unique event that perked the humor in the judges was the 'goose pluck'. It was off-beat enough to put a smile on a person's face. It falls into the category of a pie eating contest or watermelon seed spitting contest.

Your trail and environmental efforts of the Motherwell Reservoir and Community Walking Trail Committee are to be commended. The revised strategic plan for the trail system outlines a vision linking all corners of the community. Hard work, dedication and community support went into building a beautiful environmental jewel for your residents, pets and visitors!

To help the Kindersley in Bloom efforts within Kindersley, the judges would advise the local committee to promote the Kindersley Communities in Bloom presence in the community through use of its logo on projects and on the city's website.

The use of name tags for all the people the judges will be meeting would be helpful.

Kindersley is well on its way to a blooming community! Kindersley has approved appropriate by-laws and ordinances for enforcing clean properties and public spaces.

The judges commend town official for their forward thinking towards accessibility for all citizens in the newly renovated multi use arena including sledge hockey. The judges can easily envision the facility being front and center for so many community wide activities.

The judges appreciated the time that was spent explaining all of the programs and events that take place in Kindersley. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and hope you feel that you benefited as well. Our comments are based on what we learned during our time touring, reading and talking with everyone. We may have missed something or misunderstood something, but we have given these suggestions with the idea of trying to make your community an even richer and better place to live. You should be rightly proud of what has been accomplished to date. We look forward to your continued participation with the CiB program. Thank you for all you did to make us feel so welcome.

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TIDINESS

Observations & Recommendations:

The judges suggest the recycling site for household paper and cardboard at the towns' landfill could use signs on the fence as additional identification markers for individuals to locate appropriate bins for recycling materials.

Opportunities for Kindersley citizens to recycle are currently limited. Clean up days are effective. As the landfill is closed, the judges would recommend the education process for citizens be stepped up through the schools and public efforts. Schools can have contests within grades for most things collected. Items can include but not limited to pens, cd's, batteries, papers, plastic bottles, crayons..... Two sources for disposing items are Terracycle (www.terracycle.ca) and Crazy Crayons (www.crazycrayons.com). They run fundraising programs for recycled items. Additionally, the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (www.saskwastereducation.ca) and Recycle Saskatchewan (www.recyclesaskatchewan.ca) are resources for not only citizen education programs but outlets for numerous household and industrial waste materials.

Spring clean ups are effective for Kindersley. They are successful in getting citizens to participate in "Done in a Day" projects. Additional education will be necessary as the economics of recycling comes more into the picture.

The use of the town website as an informational tool to inform citizens which streets will be swept weekly is commendable.

Graffiti is currently a minimal nuisance around town. The senior class was a big help in cleaning up a recent incident. Keep vigilant for any signs of visual pollution. Additionally, watch for violations of the signs placed along highway 7 and other sites throughout the town.

The closing of the landfill will change citizen's way of dealing with waste. Composting of household organic wastes will be one issue to face as household food wastes make up over 1/3 of the waste stream. The provincial office of environment can provide technical and educational assistance to the local municipality (www.environment.gov.sk.ca).

All the trails in town are policed by an aggressive group of volunteers on a regular basis. The judges suggest that identifiable recycling bins be placed on the walking trails not only at the reservoir but next to garbage cans at their present locations.

Recycling, Reduction and Reuse is a philosophy that takes time for a community to embrace and for the economic markets be developed.

TIDINESS

Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort made by the municipality, businesses, institutions, and residents of the community. Elements for evaluation are green spaces (parks, etc.), medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets, municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties, ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots and buildings and signage, with regard to weeds, maintenance and repair, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	15	
Community anti-litter awareness programs	5	
Effective bylaws & policies and enforcement; for litter control, graffiti prevention including notices & posters	10	
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)	15	
Cleanliness of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers	15	
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions.	15	
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)	10	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs	10	
Tidiness Total		

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Environmental action includes efforts and achievement by the municipality, businesses, institutions, and residents of the community, with respect to: policies, by-laws and best practices, 3-R initiatives (reduce/reuse/recycle), waste reduction, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, environmental stewardship activities, and environmentally friendly transportation, under the guiding principles of sustainable development.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities.	20	
Waste management programs such as 3-R (recycling, re-use, reduce), composting and including activities such as landfill site management, shredding of Christmas trees & handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection	10	
Water conservation and reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	10	
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), efficient street and signal lighting and shielding for night skies issues & promotion of energy audits	10	
Environmental actions such as: Greening of operations fleet for park maintenance: such as conversion to higher efficiency vehicles, use of alternative fuels and air quality programs: monitoring, anti-idling advisory / bylaws, efficient use of vehicle fleet such as use of crew cabs, bicycles, any other energy-saving transportation. Development and expansion of bike lanes and recreational pathways. Initiatives and Innovation, such as: green roofs, green walls; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands and bio-walls. Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation.	20	
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)	10	
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting	20	
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection.	15	
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	
Environmental Action Total		

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations & Recommendations:

Kindersley has numerous corporations that are present in the community. They are active partners for all sorts of events. The judges suggest, if they are not already aware of the Wildlife Habitat Council www.wildlifehc.org, it be brought to their attention. The Wildlife Habitat Council is a non-profit, non-lobbying group of corporations, conservation organizations and individuals dedicated to restoring and enhancing wildlife habitat, protecting biodiversity and educating communities.

The city is faced with big decisions regarding the upcoming closing of its landfill by 2017. Council and citizens are looking at these events as an opportunity for new age thinking in recycling repurposing and reducing waste. Change is a coming. Working with private consultants, Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (www.saskwastereducation.ca), the Saskatchewan Department of Environment (www.environment.gov.sk.ca) and others, the town will come to a viable solution that will impact the community for generations.

The closing of the landfill is an opportunity for educators at all levels to include civic, social and environmental issues into their curriculums. Additionally, partners like the Walking Trail Committee can be a local resource.

The paths around Motherwell Reservoir are being attacked by nature. Root suckers from poplars adjacent to the paths are coming through the walkway surface. Application of translocate herbicides are appropriate treatments for this problem. Without constant attention, path replacement will be more frequent and costly.

Baker Park is the first park one encounters as they enter town. The sign is being over crowded by the landscape making it difficult to read.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Heritage Conservation includes efforts made by the municipality, businesses and institutions, and residents to preserve heritage within their community. Priority in evaluation is given to natural heritage, as well as the integration of landscape and streetscapes as it pertains to the built heritage of a community. Also consists of preservation of cultural heritage which includes monuments, memorials, artefacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, heritage foods and the arts and festivals and celebrations. The evaluation includes:

- natural heritage management plans: sites, parks, cemeteries, heritage gardens and trees, native plants;
- the relationship of the landscape to the built heritage;
- overall preservation of traditions and customs through year-round festivals and celebrations, events and parades, heritage foods and the arts.

As well, the participation of groups such as the Historical Society is considered.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs	15	
Natural and cultural heritage management plan and preservation initiatives: including cultural landscapes, use of native plants, heritage gardens, heritage trees, cemeteries, museums, heritage sites	15	
Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year, and preservation of traditions, and customs	15	
Interpretative and signage programs, walking tours, festivals/celebrations (year round)	15	
Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	
New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage	10	
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and grounds	15	
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	15	
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites / buildings	10	
Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures.	5	
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including heritage community events/activities, including year round cultural festivals & celebrations and preservation of traditions, customs, food, music, dance and crafts (including promotion, organization etc.).	10	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions (including Historical Societies) in community initiated, natural and cultural heritage activities and programs including cultural festivals & celebrations throughout the year and preservation of traditions, customs, food, music, dance and crafts.	10	
Heritage Conservation Total		

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations & Recommendations:

Kindersley Museum is about to change from a sleepy seasonal historic site to a year round vibrant contributor. The judges look forward to future visits as the potential unfolds and the story of Kindersley's past is enhanced. Canada Day is very special for the museum to showcase itself as it is the site for most of the events.

In 2010, for the Centennial of Kindersley, a walking tour of the city was developed. Interpretative signs were created and placed in front of strategic buildings. Tour guides are available at the museum and the city administration offices. The judges recommend incorporating the use of new technology QR codes for smart phones and other electronic devices to expand the message of heritage tours.

The museum is a repository for objects that represent the daily lives of its citizens. The judges suggest that in cooperation with such institutions as the cemetery, library and possibly the high school, an oral history project be started.

The cemetery is a clean respectful site. The Cemetery Association is on the fringe of starting some projects that will enhance the infrastructure of the site. To raise the presence of the Cemetery in the community, the Judges recommend the Cemetery Association consider organizing talks & tours around the life and times of former citizens buried on the grounds.

The 'Great Idea Campaign' brought out the fact that the town once had at one time in the past a central town square. The city is actively pursuing investigating how a town square can be incorporated back into the existing physical layout.

URBAN FORESTRY

Urban Forestry includes the efforts made by the municipality, businesses and institutions, and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	10	
Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan	10	
Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	10	
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species	10	
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	
Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs	10	
Qualified personnel and/or crew training	10	
Business & Institutions		
Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes	15	
Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM	10	
Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on properties	10	
Residential		
Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes	15	
Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on residential properties	10	
Maintenance best practices	10	
Community Involvement		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such a Green Streets Canada, Arbour Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.).	15	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands.	10	
Urban Forestry Total		

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations & Recommendations:

The judges were informed that a community wide tree inventory was just recently completed. Kindersley has a well written complete urban tree policy. The judges would recommend that in the future, they demonstrate that the inventory and maintenance records are being implemented. One resource for developing a tree inventory is located at www.itree.org. The judges would recommend Kindersley start a tree advisory board to assist in the education and funding of an urban forest trees program. The Elm policies and practices are in line with provincial guidelines.

Kindersley's Urban Tree Policy has a list of recommended tree selections for homeowners and the municipality. The judges would advise periodically checking with the Saskatchewan Nursery and Landscape Association (www.snla.org) and Saskatchewan power company www.saskpower.com for alternative plants that will survive in the province.

Recommending species of trees for planting is so important for communities, it is great to see Kindersley has included both a recommended and non-recommended list of species in their Urban Tree policy. The judges recommend a pamphlet of key points of the Urban Tree Policy be made available to the public. Furthermore, posting this policy on the website would be useful. The tree nursery is very helpful for hard to find worthy trees as necessary. Great job!

Working in cooperation with the schools, the tree advisory board could start an Arbor Day program planting trees throughout the community. Children can write and perform essays, plays, skits. Kindergarten classes could plant a tree, then every year the children are in school the tree can serve as a central meeting site for events. Tree Canada (www.treecanada.ca) is a good reference for school programs as well as funding. On a broader scale there is the United Nations Environment Program – Plant a Billion Trees (www.plant-for-the-planet-billiontreecampaign.org). It is the educational program that engages children on a global scale that relates their community to others worldwide.

The judges send kudos to the volunteer team working under CiB Chair and Horticulturist for the town of Kindersley, Joe Newling, which planted the 1800 tree seedlings on the Motherwell trail system.

The judges observed newly planted trees were not being mulched. Grass was being allowed to grow right next to the young trunk where weed whips could possibly scar the tender bark. A properly run mulch program for newly planted trees would increase their rate of survivability.

Community education on the care of trees is a key element to a successful flourishing urban forest. Winter and early spring are great times to host workshops with authoritative guest speakers who can educate the public and staff on long term care of trees and shrubs in the landscape. Some resources to consider at the Canadian Urban Forest Network (www.tcf-fca.ca), the Saskatchewan Nursery and Landscape Association (www.snla.ca), as well as local garden centers and florists.

LANDSCAPE (Parks & Grounds, Green Spaces, Streetscapes - including Turf & Groundcovers)

This section of the evaluation supports all efforts to create an environment showcasing the overall surroundings. The overall plan and design must be suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of municipal, commercial and residential sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers, turf management and maintenance. The evaluation will consider how the spaces create a sense of place within the community, actively utilized year-round.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, alternate mowing frequency and water management	10	
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties	10	
Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications	10	
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events)	10	
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	5	
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers	10	
Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	10	
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	
Maintenance of properties: lawn care, tree and shrub maintenance	15	
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)	15	
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (including promotion, organization etc.).	15	
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including tidiness, environmental action, urban forestry, landscape, floral and natural & Cultural Heritage activities .	15	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities	10	
Landscape Total		

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LANDSCAPE

Observations & Recommendations:

Baker Park could use refreshing. The landscaping around the sign needs attention to overgrowth. It would be beneficial for trees in the park to be pruned or replaced. A memorial tree program could be one avenue that could assist with the funding. Recognition signs will be an issue the tree advisory board will need to address.

The judges suggest the Cemetery Association consider including more trees and other landscape enhancements to their grounds. This would soften the site more as a healing garden rather than a garden of stones.

In the opinion of the judges, McGowan Baseball diamonds are maintained for a high level of competition. Baseball Canada and World Youth games consider using these facilities for tournaments on a regular basis. Landscape behind the outfield is amazing! Flags in the outfield add to the landscape as well as a buffer of trees.

The Rotary Pavilion at the trailhead of the Motherwell Reservoir is architecturally unique. Its glass roof and sides are engraved with names of those volunteers, financial contributors, in partnership with the Town of Kindersley whose efforts drove this undertaking from a dream to reality. Wow, what civic pride this shows.

At the trail head was a great sign identifying the trail system along with rules for use. Also present is a station for dispensing dog scoop and poop bags. Comfortable benches and flowers planted at the trail head provide a very inviting touch. Landscape along the trail is natural and very well maintained. There are many benches and garbage receptacles for use along the path. A humorous sign even noted the muskrat crossing.

The judges suggest Kindersley officials consider initiating an anonymous door tags program for recognizing outstanding home and business landscape designs. Such a subtle program says thank you for contributing to make our community a beautiful place to live and visit. These door hangers or thank you cards could be given out by select members of the local Horticultural Society, code enforcement officer, members of Council, Communities in Bloom committee members or even police officers.

The judges recommend Kindersley Walking Trail committee investigate a program for descriptive interpretive signage. Topics could include but not be limited to native plant species, wildlife and their habitat or the ecology of the area. One such site might be the historical rubbing stone that buffalo were said to have used to scratch their hinds back in the day when they roamed free! Resources for such a project could come from Ducks Unlimited (www.ducks.ca), Audubon Society (www.birdsaudubon.ca), and Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan.

FLORAL DISPLAYS

"Floral Displays" evaluates the efforts made by the municipality, businesses and institutions, and residential sectors of the community to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony. This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	15	
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora	10	
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	15	
Quality of planting and maintenance	15	
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).	10	
Volunteer recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in floral displays	15	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities.	15	
Floral Displays Total		

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations & Recommendations:

Residents of Kindersley need to know about the efforts of the Kindersley in Bloom Committee. Prominently locating Communities in Bloom logos and banners link the local community with a much larger national movement. A presence on the Town of Kindersley website, partnerships with business organizations on community projects, articles in the local press are other means to get the word out to raise awareness.

The judges congratulate the Kindersley Horticultural Society for a successful Garden Tour. To encourage homeowners to take a greater interest in their properties the judges suggest the Horticultural Society run a garden contest. The contest could be run by self-nominations or a team of judges circulating through the community searching for those special sites. Awards could include a yard sign recognizing their contributions to a cleaner and blooming community. The local newspaper could run a picture along with a caption of the winners. Additional components could include balcony gardens or even just a single large flower pot. The intention is to create awareness for the program through a friendly competition amongst neighbors while promoting civic pride!

Caleb Village is a very active senior residence. Residents are working with Community Services Director Kim Vogel, on creating a bird identification program. At the core of the corresponding education program are questions such as why do the birds migrate to Kindersley? What are they feeding on? Where do they stay? The judges also suggest examining any interest to include native plant identification.

Maintaining hanging baskets in windy conditions is a difficult task. When envisioning showpiece hanging baskets, the Judges would advise officials to scrutinize a variety of factors. Soil selections, basket size, watering techniques, plant selections and the labor effort to maintain are all elements to be taken into consideration when initiating such a program.

The large floral containers located throughout Main Street are bright and cheery. Plants are appropriate for the location. The Judges were informed these containers were placed in the middle of the road in preparation for a larger planter project that will replace these containers and include trees as well as flowers in raised islands.

The new Multi-use Arena Facility in the judge's opinion can provide the overall community with a central location to showcase plant combinations that will have a big 'Wow' factor individuals might replicate at their homes.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

“Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.”

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY

The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

The dedication of our Judges, staff and organizations

The contribution of our sponsors and partners